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Applicant:

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Title:

METHOD AND DEVICE FOR THE PRODUCTION OF A COMPONENT,

ESPECIALLY A HYBRID COMPONENT FOR A CROSSRAIL OF A

VEHICLE, COMPONENT AND USE OF SAID COMPONENT

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A copy of each non-U.S. patent document and each non-patent document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

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The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), within three (3) months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 CFR §1.491.

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RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

The relevance of non-English language document A4 is described in the present specification.

Documents A4-A6 listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 was cited as being relevant during a search of the corresponding International application. A copy of the International Search Report setting forth the portion of each reference considered relevant by the examiner is attached.

Documents A1 and A5 belong to the same "patent family," whereby the English language document may assist the PTO in understanding the content of the non-English language document.

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Applicant respectfully requests that each listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Although Applicant believes that no fee is required for this Request, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Request to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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